

Remarks:

Claims 1-13, 15-19, and 23-24 are amended, original claims 14, 20-22 and 25-26 are cancelled, and new claims 27-32 are added. A substitute specification is submitted adding cross references to other priority applications, and making further changes to the text to correct grammatical errors and to ensure the Summary section reflects the independent claims as amended herein. No new matter is added.

These changes are made in response to the "Notice of Acceptance of Application" dated 7/27/2006, which recited that the Article 34 Amendment submitted in the International Stage of the parent application, and the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the US National Stage entry, were not accepted. This Preliminary Amendment makes the changes submitted in that Article 34 Amendment and Preliminary Amendment, and several other text changes to remove references to the "present invention" (reciting instead an "embodiment", "aspect" or the like).

The amended claims are seen to distinguish over the reference to Williams cited in the International Stage by the remarks submitted in the (not-entered) Article 34 Amendment.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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